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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

application of

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Appln. No.: 09/285,649

Group Art Unit: 1764

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Examiner: A. Doroshenk

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For: PROCESS AND PLANT FOR THE PRODUCTION OF UREA WITH HIGH CONVERSION YIELD AND LOW ENERGY CONSUMPTION

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

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10. (Amended) Plant for urea production comprising:

- a urea synthesis reactor (1);

- a high pressure stripping unit (2) operating at a pressure substantially corresponding to

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the pressure in said urea synthesis reactor (1);

- means for directly feeding a reaction mixture leaving said urea synthesis reactor (1) to

said high pressure stripping unit (2) for subjecting said reaction mixture to a treatment of partial